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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: BAKER, Keith H., et al. :  
Serial No.: 09/785,876 : Group Art Unit: 1751  
Filed: February 16, 2001 : Examiner: E.B. Elhilo  
For: **COMPOSITIONS FOR PRE-TREATING SHOES AND METHODS  
AND ARTICLES EMPLOYING SAME**

AMENDMENT

Box Non Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated June 19, 2002, please amend the present application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 13-26.

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Please add the following claims 27 - 31:

--27. (New) A pre-treating composition according to claim 1, comprising the polymeric soil release agent in an amount effective to provide soil release benefit.--

--28. (New) A pre-treating composition according to claim 1, comprising from about 0.1 to about 95% of the polymeric soil release agent...  
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